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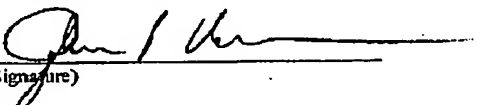
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A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 28, 2006, this Amendment and Reply is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Director is hereby authorized to charge the RCE filing fee of \$790.00, as well as any other fees necessary to effect this filing, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10 0435, with reference to our file 6398-200272. Please amend the above-captioned patent application and consider the remarks as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.